

Drinking water facility to Huliyurdurga

415. Sri N. HUTCHMASTY GOWDA (Huliyurdurga).—

Will the Minister for Development and Co-operation be pleased to state :—

- (a) the action taken by them for providing drinking water facility to Huliyurdurga, Kunigal Taluk ;
- (b) the obstruction in providing water early ;
- (c) when it is possible to provide water ?

A.—Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development and Co-operation).—

(a) The water supply which was disconnected on account of non-payment of arrears of electric charges due by the Panchayat to the Electricity Board has been commissioned on 26th February 1968.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Does not arise.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE UNDER RULE 63.

Sri B. VITTALDAS SHETTY (Puttur).—Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to the atrocities committed by police on several villagers in Bantval Taluk.

Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).—Sir, on information, two police constables and one Revenue Inspector who were on check post duty at Salathur Check-post were deputed to prevent smuggling by a gang of smugglers marching towards Kerala border near the Veppal River in Konnad village. The police constables and Food Inspector lay in wait by the side of the river on the night of 22/23rd March 1968. At about 0130 hours on 23rd March 1968 they sighted a gang of rice smugglers carrying headloads of rice moving towards Kerala border. When the smugglers were stopped, another gang of smugglers came from behind and all joined together, and beat the constables with an iron bar and stones, with the result two police constables sustained head injuries. These two constables were admitted into the Government hospital, Puttur, as in-patients after giving first aid at the spot. The Food Inspector also received injuries and he was also given first aid. A case in Vittal Police Station Cr. No. 97/68 under sections 147, 353, 332 and 234 I.P.C and clause 3A of Export of Rice Order, 1964, has been registered. 79 suspects were brought to Vittal Police Station on the information furnished by the accused and not 250.